

PRIME MINISTER

'US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'

The second interview in the series for American journals is arranged for Tuesday at 9.45 am with 'U.S. News and World Report', Washington. I attach a recent copy of the journal which is published weekly and which has a circulation of about 2.2 million, principally among the business community.

2. The interviewer will be Bob Haeger, a highly competent journalist of German descent with whom I get on very well indeed. He will tape record the interview which will be published on 18 August.

3. As compared with the 'People' interview this week, Mr Haeger will, of course, be less concerned with personality and much more with substance. But I do not think that you require any detailed briefing, bearing in mind all that you have had over recent weeks.

4. Broadly speaking, his interview will fall into two parts - foreign and domestic. On the foreign side he will wish to raise:

- State of the Alliance;
- Differing Western attitudes on the Middle East;
- U.S. ability to provide Alliance leadership;
- Value and necessity of detente;
- Europeans' role in their own defence;
- Assessment of Soviet threat now;
- Possibility of Western military presence in Persian Gulf.

And, on the domestic side:

- Inability of Government policies to head off unemployment and high inflation;
- Rising business and Tory opposition to tough policies;
- Possibility of wage and price controls;
- Worth of last year's cut in income tax;
- Shrinking role of Government in business;
- Chances of uprooting UK commitment to Socialism
- Summary of experience as Prime Minister in trying to revitalize nation.

5. I am arranging for a photographer to come along and take a picture at the outset.

6. Content?

*Yes not*

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